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SCHEDULED WINTER NATURAL GAS FILING

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Jefferson City (October 31, 2001)---Natural gas customers of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE in the former Ozark District service area of the Missouri Utilities Company will experience an increase in natural gas rates under a winter season filing approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission. The increase will take effect on November 1, 2001. The winter season covers the period of November through March.

A residential customer currently pays \$0.5772 per Ccf (100 cubic feet of gas). Under this filing, the rate will increase to \$0.6525 per Ccf, an increase of approximately 7.5 cents per Ccf. The effect on a typical residential heating customer for the winter season is an increase of \$67 or 9 percent when compared to rates currently in effect.

Approximately 60% to 70% of a customer's natural gas bill reflects the cost of natural gas from wholesale suppliers. The wholesale cost of natural gas (the cost your local natural gas company must pay to its supplier for natural gas) is not regulated by the Missouri Public Service Commission. The wellhead cost of natural gas is unregulated and is primarily driven by supply and demand. The Missouri Public Service Commission does have regulatory review to ensure that regulated gas companies make prudent decisions in securing natural gas supplies for their customers.

AmerenUE serves approximately 2,000 natural gas customers in the Missouri counties of Butler, Bollinger and Stoddard.

